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Canadian Natural Resources Limited assists local skaters

Canadian Natural Resources Limited provided substantial financial assistance to the Elk Point Skating Club last week when Stakeholder Relations Advisor Carrie Baumgardner (far right) presented the members and executive with a cheque for $14,575.07. The club was one of six recipients of equal donations, along with St. Paul Boys and Girls Club, Islay Health Centre Auxiliary, Bonnyville Amateur Football Association, Bonnyville Play and Learn Society and Rednecks with a Cause. This is the tenth year for the employee-driven donation program, and over that time, more than $800,000 has been donated to non-profit organizations in the Bonnyville Heavy Oil region that focus on health and wellness, youth initiatives and education. The organizations submit applications to the program, with employees reviewing the applications and voting on which to support that year. Volunteers from those organizations are invited to assist the Canadian Natural employees as they carry out several fundraisers each year, with the funds raised matched by the Calgary corporate office.

Vicki Brooker photo

Town council cautious with MSI allotments

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council waded through a stack of 14 applications from local non-profit groups last Monday as they determined the amounts and allocation of the town's Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) operating funds.

Requests from 10 of the groups added up to $103,000, with four others not specifying an amount, but even the request total far exceeded the amount available for distribution. After careful consideration, five of the groups were given half of the amount they requested, while three others were allotted amounts ranging from 20 to 40 per cent of their request. Five of the remaining six requests were declined altogether, while the sixth, Elk Point Curling Club, will be asked to supply financial statements before a decision can be made.

Those receiving MSI grants include Elk Point Pioneer Circle, $3,000; Friends of the Elk Point Library $4,000; Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society, $10,000; St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1, $5,000; Elk Point Golf and Country Club, $5,000; Elk Point Lions Club, $2,500; Victim Services Elk Point/Fishing Lake/Frog Lake $1,000; Jack and Jill Playschool, $1,000, for a total of $30,000.

Five of the recipient groups, the Pioneer Circle, Friends of the Library, Allied Arts, Golf and Country Club and Playschool, will use the funds to help with operational costs of their facilities, while the Lions will use theirs for the operating costs of the community information sign along Highway 41. The Education Division and Victim Services have earmarked their grants to help fund the Family School Liaison Worker program and to serve victims of crime and tragedy, respectively.

Council agreed that groups operating facilities and those that serve a wide cross-section of the population were their focus for this year's funding. The allotted funds make up just under half of the operating grant the town received from the province for the program, and council agreed that further grants could be given out during the year.

Last year, the town distributed $74,832.66 in operating grants to a total of 11 organizations.

Coun. Lorne Young suggested that in the future, the deadline for MSI grant applications be moved to March, to allow groups to complete the financial statements from the previous year.

New website

Brooke Yaremchuk provided council with a very comprehensive overview of the proposals submitted by six companies hoping to become the town's new website designer and developer. Two of the proposals received additional study by council, who chose Town Life, a Wetaskiwin-based company, with the cost of $6,440 including both setup and annual maintenance.

Coun. Young thanked Yaremchuk for her efforts in obtaining and analyzing the proposals and said he felt that "we're going to end up with a good product with lots of detail."

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County told that break and enters, vehicle thefts are on RCMP radar in 2016

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

With over 32 break and enters reported within the County of St. Paul in 2015, St. Paul RCMP will be focusing some of their efforts in 2016 on education and hoping to bring that number down.

Staff Sgt. Lee Brachmann too time to speak to County of St. Paul council and offer a quarterly report on happenings and statistics within the municipality. He noted that there are more issues around seasonal residences, and he is hoping to work with the county to educate residents in hopes of preventing the break and enters from occurring.

"It's not a huge, huge concern," he said, but it is something that RCMP would like to work on. Theft of vehicles and reports of people taking vehicles without consent of the owner is another issue RCMP would like to work on.

RCMP continues to focus on traffic enforcement in the area too. In 2015 there were three fatal collisions, 99 reportable damage incidents, and 20 injury MVCs.

Looking ahead to 2016, many crime reduction strategies are already in place. Patrolling lake subdivisions, dealing with ATV use issues, and responding to bush parties that occur within the County of St. Paul, are all on the RCMP's radar.

When asked if council had any issues or concerns to bring up, Coun. Maxine Fodness asked Brachmann how the RCMP would deal with the potential legalization of marijuana.

"It is a problem in our area," said Fodness.

Brachmann said at this point, "It's business as usual." And RCMP members continue to visit schools to talk to youth about the drug as part of the D.A.R.E. program.

Rezoning

A piece of land located just east of St. Paul received first reading to be rezoned from Agricultural to Industrial Commercial. Some councillors voiced concern over possible traffic safety issues since the land would be accessed directly off Highway 29.

Alberta Transportation has no concerns, said Krystle Fedoretz, development and planning officer with the county, as she spoke to council about the rezoning application.

"I want to express my concern," said Coun. Glen Ockerman. With Reeve Steve Upham agreeing that he too had a concern about access off the highway.

The land is located at PNE 12-58-9-W4. On the rezoning application, the proposed use of the land is a commercial service centre. The developer will have to hold a public consultation prior to having a public hearing at an upcoming council meeting.

A motion to approve first reading was carried. A motion to direct Fedoretz to contact Alberta Transportation to voice concerns heard from councillors was also carried.

Mallaig Legion

Council has agreed to a $50,000 interest-free loan for the Mallaig Legion, as the organization undergoes a major renovation to its hall. David Inscho of the Mallaig Legion spoke to council last week about the project.

The group has demolished the old portion of its hall, and is now expanding on the newer portion that was built in 2008. The group has been fundraising for the project for many years, first raising money for the expansion of the halls, then again started fundraising in 2009 for the current phase of the project.

The Legion was expecting a CFEP grant but ran into some issues when it was noted that a grant from the first expansion of the building was outstanding. Inscho said he has been working on straightening out the issue, and Alberta Culture has decided to accept the new grant application.

The Legion no longer has matching funds in place, since they've already been used for the project. The reason construction began on the project already, according to Inscho, was because the group had saved up funds from working casinos, but was required to use up those funds within a certain time period, or run the risk of losing the money and also losing its gaming license.

The group has recently been approved for a casino in 2017, said Inscho, which will help the group pay for the project.

Council carried a motion to approve a $50,000 interest-free loan to the Legion.

Sewage tanks

Council passed first reading of Bylaw 2016-01, which refers to a wording change to the Land Use Bylaw regarding holding tanks near lakes.

Following a request from a local contractor, council reviewed the wording and requirement for landowners to have "reinforced pre-cast concrete" sewage holding tanks. Council discussed the matter at the December council meeting, and asked administration to put together new wording, that allows for any holding tank that meets CAN/CSA standards.

The change will allow for the use of fiberglass holding tanks on lakefront property. The remaining wording of the section being discussed (7.30) will remain the same. A public hearing will be held prior to second reading.

Ashmont Ag Society

An additional amount of $33,125 was approved for the Ashmont Ag Society at last week's regular council meeting. The money is being used for needed renovations at the Ashmont Agriplex.

Volunteers originally asked for $37,125 to help offset costs of replacing siding, soffits and tin, and repair structural defects and water damage to the roof. Council approved $4,000 to be paid from the 2015 budget, and referred the remaining amount to its budget meeting.

The remaining amount has been included in the preliminary budget numbers.

ACP grants

Council will be applying for a handful of Alberta Community Partnership Grants, including one to enhance radio communications and infrastructure, and one to establish a regional occupational health and safety program with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay.

Two other potential ACP grants are in the works. One would be for the construction of a salt shed facility located at eh Elk Point transfer station, and the other for the construction of a bulk water truck fill stations located at the Elk Point Water Treatment Plant.

One more potential ACP grant application has been in discussion for the past few months, and that is to resurface the track surface for the track and field athletics at the Regional High School in St. Paul.

Due to changes in criteria for the grant program, applications are awarded more points if they have 50 per cent municipal funding. The grant applications have been changed to reflect this, to ensure the most points possible are achieved.

"This changes the monies required for each municipality from what we previously thought," states the council meeting agenda for Tuesday's meeting. The projects also must be on the municipality's strategic plans, and full points are awarded if projects are on a regional strategic plan.

Administration is proposing to create a regional strategic plan before the end of the month. A number of motions were approved to continue work on the ACP grants.

2015 New Year's Eve Benefit Dance

On behalf of the St. Paul & Community Family Benefit Committee, we would like to send a huge

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Two arrested in armed robbery

SGT. B LAROCQUE
Elk Point RCMP Detachment

On Jan. 5, 2016 at approximately 9:48 p. m. a female and male entered the K & N Liquor Store in Elk Point. After a few minutes in the store the male brandished a machete and threatened the clerk to hand over the cash. The male swung the machete at the clerk before stealing a bottle of liquor. The female also stole some liquor while leaving the store. The Elk Point RCMP were dispatched and immediately responded to the scene. The suspects were tracked for approximately 30 minutes within the town of Elk Point and then arrested without incident.

Jayden Gadwa (age 21) of Kehewin, Alberta was charged with one count of Robbery and one count of Mischief. He is remanded in custody for a next court appearance on Jan. 21, 2016 in St Paul Provincial Court.

Tanille Night (age 23) of Kehewin, Alberta was charged with one count of Robbery and one count of Possession of a Concealed Weapon. She is remanded in custody for a next court appearance on Jan. 21, 2016 in St. Paul Provincial Court.

P.U.P, Kindness Committee getting ready to go PINK

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The F. G. Miller High School Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy (P.U.P) group and the school's Kindness Committee visited both Town Council and the Community Advisory Policing Committee meetings to invite members to take part in their 2016 Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week, Feb. 21 to 27, and PINK Day, Feb. 24.

The visitors told council and CAPC that their goal is to empower the school's students to continue to become positive, caring citizens, impacting the world one kind act at a time. "We would like to have our community get on board with us and join us for this very positive initiative."

P.U.P spokesperson Megan Phillips said the group "would like more people to join the committee" and spread the word of the positive effects on the person who does a kind deed, the recipient of the deed and even those who observe a kindness being done.

This year's RAK Week begins with the kickoff of the 21-day Challenge of RAK, where participants log acts of kindness they have done, received or observed each day for 21 days. The completed logs, if turned in to the committee, will earn those participants a certificate of completion and an invitation to start the next step: a 365-day challenge with the same goals.

School spirit activities, pink RAK bracelets, and an all-out 'Teens for Jeans' drive to gather gently used jeans to deliver to homeless shelters are also part of the week, as is another round of the very successful 'Let's Can Hunger" campaign that took place before Christmas, to aid local families who are struggling as a result of the downturn in the economy. P.U.P advisor Sherry Phillips told town council that $2,500 worth of food had been donated in that drive.

"We're keeping this really local," she noted, with the food going to the pantry at the Elk Point Baptist Church for distribution to those who need some help.

This time, the students will have the help of the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department, who have agreed to drive around town with the fire truck and their equipment trailer and collect donations as the students go door to door to pick up donations, with that event taking place from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25. "They've got quite a system worked out," she noted.

Last year's 'Teens for Jeans' collected over 500 pairs of jeans for homeless people, and this year, "Our goal is for even more jeans," Megan said. These, too, will be even more local, with shelters in the area receiving the collected jeans.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 is Pink Day, when Elk Point turns PINK for anti-bullying awareness. Everyone is encouraged to wear their pink anti-bullying shirts that day, and to decorate their spaces in pink in support of the campaign.

Watch for further updates on the event, dig out those jeans and food donations, and get ready to go PINK!

Town council

(Continued from Front Paage)

Staging area lighting

A quotation on the cost of changing the security lights in the Iron Horse Trail staging area adjacent to the snowmobile club cabin to LED lighting brought forth a new suggestion from council, who agreed to offer the chamber of commerce, who currently pays for the power used by the lights, the sum of $50 per month to compensate for the cost of operating the lights.

Levels of service

A policy drafted by the County of St. Paul regarding Elk Point Fire Department Levels of Service was brought to council. The document would provide the town and the volunteer firefighters with direction and a process to be followed when exposed to a variety of emergency events. Council agreed that the policy should be forwarded to the Fire Committee for their comments.

"If there are concerns (about the policy) we need to know it," Deputy Mayor Debra McQuinn said, as she moved to take the policy to that committee.

Wood waste recycling

Council has received an offer of membership in the Alberta Wood Waste Recycling Association, and agreed with a suggestion from CAO Ken Gwozdz that it would be worthwhile to hear a presentation from that group, which promotes wood waste recycling and utilization rather than depositing it in landfills. The organization's spokesperson will be invited to a future council meeting.

FGM reunion

Plans to open the Elk Point Recreation Park campground to the public on the May long weekend were set back a week, after representatives of F. G. Miller High School's Class of 1981 requested to rent the entire facility for their class reunion that weekend.

Doctor recruitment

Mayor Parrish Tung has learned that the applicants hoping to become Elk Point's third doctor have been short-listed, and that those applicants will be invited to the community to meet with Dr. Ramful and Dr. Oyebode and to see the community.

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

HIGHLIGHTS

January 12, 2016 • Council Meeting

Property Tax Penalty – Just a reminder that on February 1, 2016, a 10% penalty will be applied to all outstanding property taxes.

Interim Budget – Council approved the following interim budget for 2016 in accordance with section 242(2) of the M.G.A. - $39,261,794 – Operating & Capital Revenues; $3,054,869 – Debenture & Funding from Restricted Surplus; $24,717,770 – Operations Expenditures; $1,638,310 – Debenture Repayment; $15,932,600 – Capital Expenditures; $27,983 – Surplus.

Borrowing Bylaws - Council approved Borrowing Bylaw No. 2015-27 in the amount of $963,201, pursuant to Section 258 of the MGA to finance the project that brings water supply to the Hamlets of Ashmont and Lottie Lake. Total cost of the project is $9,931,002 with the balance will be paid from provincial funding.

Council also approved Borrowing Bylaw No. 2015-28 for $1,542,668 for the construction of a lagoon for the Hamlet of Ashmont and a wastewater transfer station. Total cost of the project is $5,150,000 which will be funded through provincial and federal grants and by the County of Two Hills.

Planning and Development – Bylaw No. 2016-01, which is an amendment to Section 7.30 of the Land Use Bylaw, was given first reading. The proposed amendment removes the clause which states that holding tanks must be constructed of reinforced pre-case concrete on lakefront properties, therefore allowing holding tanks that meet applicable/relevant CAN/CSA standards on lake front properties.

Council also gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2016-02 to rezone 10 acres in NE 12-58-9-W4 from Agricultural to Industrial Commercial. As the proposed subdivision will be accessed from a major highway, Administration will be consulting with Alberta Transportation regarding access to the property.

Regional Collaboration – The County is partnering with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay to submit an application under the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for an Enhanced Regional Radio Communications System and to establish a Regional Occupational Health &Safety Program. The County will also be partnering with the Town of Elk Point for an ACP grant application to build a salt shed facility at the Elk Point Transfer Station and to construct a bulk water truck fill station at the Elk Point Water Treatment Plant and Reservoir. And lastly, the County will partner with the Town of St. Paul to apply for an ACP grant for funding to resurface the running track at the Regional High School.

Administration is also working on a Regional Strategic Plan which encompasses the projects for ACP Grant applications and also identifies other regional priorities.

Land Right-of-Way Purchase Agreements – Effective January 1, 2016, ratepayers will see an increase from $1,300 to $2,000/acre when the County purchases land for road construction purposes. This new rate is based on an average price per acre of farmland sales throughout the municipality. Also, the $50 signing bonus will be replaced with a minimum payment of $250 when the County is purchasing land. This rate will be used mainly for bridge file/culvert installation where the land area required is small.

***Strategic Plan* is a document that outlines Council's direction for administration, moving the County of St. Paul forward to achieve the vision.** The document provides quarterly updates on each action outlined in the document. The 4th quarter update to the 2015 Strategic Plan is now complete and can be viewed on the County's website. The 2016 Strategic Plan has also been adopted by Council and is also on the County's website.

Funding Support:

- $480 – St. Paul & Dist. Hospital Foundation Fundraiser
- $33,125 – Ashmont & District Ag Society
- $8,000 – Elk Point Curling Club

We are requesting that when residents are clearing their driveway and push the snow across the road, that they do not leave ridges on the road as this is a safety issue.

Residents who require snow removal on their driveways can purchase flags from the County at the Administration Office, Public Works, or the Town of Elk Point Administration Office. Seniors can have their driveways plowed free of charge, however they must sign a Snow Plow Agreement and they require a flag which can be picked up from the County Administration Office or Public Works.

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Editorial

Kindness could be catching

Last week's issue of the Elk Point Review was not even on the way to the mailboxes and newsstands when representatives of F. G. Miller High School's P.U.P (Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy) group and the school's Kindness Committee came to the town council meeting to invite Mayor Tung and the councillors to take part in this year's Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week, Feb. 21 to 27.

This year, these highly motivated young people have issued a challenge to council, to the school community and to the community at large to perform, observe or receive acts of kindness each day for 21 days, starting on Feb. 21, and to record these on a log sheet that then can be submitted to the committee, who will present the submitter with a certificate of completion and an invitation to go to the next level: a 365-day challenge.

This initiative takes our final suggestion in last week's issue for an achievable New Year's resolution to two totally new levels, levels that would definitely go a very long way to making our community an outstanding place to live and work.

The students noted that doing an act of kindness creates a good feeling in the person doing that act, the person receiving the kindness and even in those who observe that act taking place - apparently, kindness is catching. Now there's an epidemic that might do all of us a world of good!

That we have young people in Elk Point and district who are willing to spearhead and foster such an initiative already gives us a good feeling. It's not RAK week for another month, but it's not too soon to get practiced up for it. Let the kindness epidemic begin!

Recreation Corner

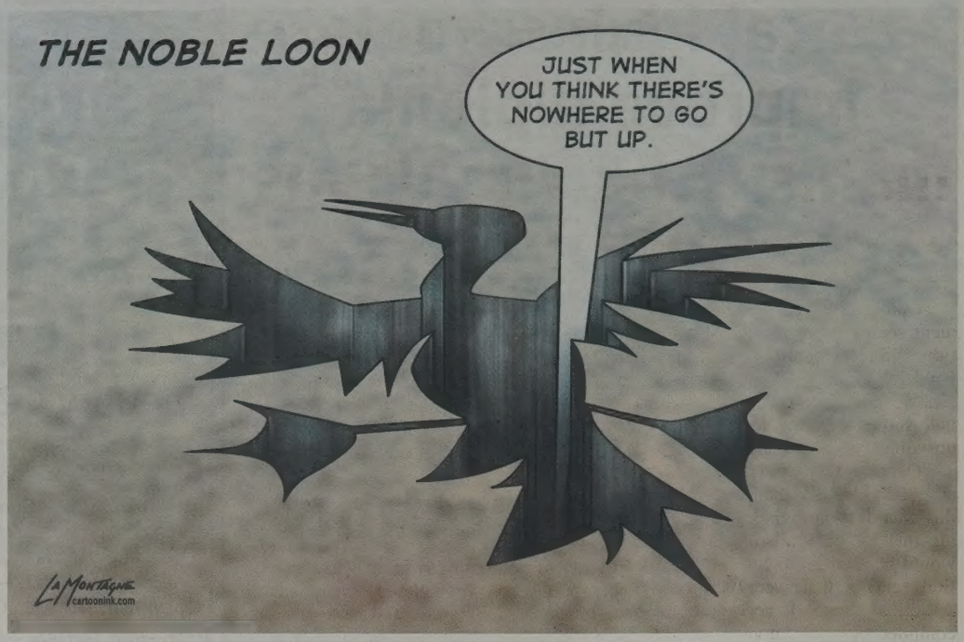
Family Day plans shaping up

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

Family Day weekend holds a special spot in my life, I was married on that weekend and it's one of the only holidays where commercialism hasn't taken over and we're not required to buy anything for anyone else or prepare a large meal. We just have a bonus day off work to spend with our family!

We have some great activities in the works for the weekend, starting with Friday evening. The Elk Point Allied Arts Society presents Bobs and Lolo. This Canadian duo is great for the kids, they sing, dance, and play their way into your hearts. It's a family friendly show with lots of audience interaction (the singing, dancing and playing). My little girls, who are 4 and 2, LOVE Bobs and Lolo and watch them on Treehouse regularly. Tickets for reserved seating are filling up quick, so call Sharon at 780-645-9774 to get your seats.

On Monday, the Town will be hosting their annual free public skating, we'll also be hosting a get-together/reunion (more details on that to come) and a fun match between the Elk Point Emergency Forces, the RCMP, Fire Fighters & EMS against the Elk Point Minor Hockey All-Stars. The game is designed to showcase Elk Point's finest. We'll have some fun games during intermissions and exciting hockey action. More details on times as we get closer to the date.



Way Back When...

New Cubs, retiring coordinator, caboose's last ride

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and the Elk Point Review for the week of January 19 in ...

1986

New Cubs Cameron Zarowny, Les Keith, Irwin Easthope, Richard Piotrowski, Ryan Bullis and Clayton McGinnis were enrolled in the Elk Point pack. Elk Point chamber of commerce studied a number of potential short- and long-term goals, including holding occasional supper meetings with guest speakers, supporting the hospital board's plan to recruit additional medical personnel, establishing summer beautification awards, establishing an overnight campsite in town and dealing with the permanent problem of parking, combined with increased levels of traffic.

1991

Elk Point and District Further Education bid farewell to retiring coordinator Gladys Drobot, and welcomed Verona Lea Flanders to the post. Elk Point Pioneer Circle was given the option by town council to purchase their drop-in centre property for $1, if they required the title to build a new centre on that site, but would have to sell the property back to the town for the same $1 if they discontinued using the property as their primary facility.

1996

Elk Point Historical Society's CN caboose was loaded up for one last ride, as Larry's Picker Service lifted it with two boom trucks and deposited it on a flatbed for its journey to Heinsburg, where it would become part of that community's railway theme park. Elan Energy Inc. and Gibson Petroleum Co. Ltd. announced plans for a jointly owned 150 Km pipeline from Elk Point to Hardisty, which would have a 50,000 barrel per day capacity and which would be in operation by Nov. 1 of that year.

2001

The end of an era came as Agricore announced their Elk Point and St. Paul elevators would close Jan. 26, leaving Elk Point farmers without a local facility from which to ship grain for the first time in 74 years. No objections were brought forth by ratepayers at a public hearing hosted by the town of Elk Point regarding Anadarko's plans to drill 16 wells per quarter on land immediately adjoining town limits.

2006

Canadian Professional Rodeo Association 2005 championship team ropers Travis Gallais (shown above) and Rocky Dallyn came to the C. G. Baker Arena to instruct a three-day workshop on their sport. Students and the community learned more about the dangers of crystal methamphetamine at a pair of information meetings with hard-hitting messages presented by RCMP Staff Sgt. Ian Sanderson and Sherwood Park resident Audrey Bjornstad.

2011

The Town of Elk Point's shopping list included a sidewalk sweeper for the Bobcat loader and a garbage truck so the town could go back to doing their own residential waste collection. The County of St. Paul's 2011 strategic plan included continued participation in the St. Paul Regional Water Commission and the Wellness Clinic Committee.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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Review Staff

A push to improve student achievement seems to be paying off, St. Paul Education Regional Division Supt. Glen Brodziak told the school board at its Jan. 13 meeting, pointing to a report that shows diploma marks are on an upswing.

"Overall, our Grade 12s are doing as good or better than anyone else in this area of the province," he said, adding that for comparison purposes, one would have to go to Sherwood Park to find schools that were performing at a similar standard, according to data compiled by the Edmonton-based Eight Leaves Inc.

Eight Leaves Inc. ranked Alberta high schools on their overall averages on core academic diploma exams, including English 30-1, Social Studies 30-1, Math 30-1, and the 30 level Chemistry, Biology and Physics courses, and showed comparisons from 2014 to 2015.

Brodziak said when hearing of school rankings, people often think of the Fraser Institute's reports, but that this was a study that looked at one measure only, that of diploma exam marks taken by Grade 12 students.

"We verified their data and their data was correct," he said, adding he was "pretty proud" of the results and the general trend of improving marks over the least few years, especially since before 2010, St. Paul Education had low achievement rates, and had been among the bottom five of 62 divisions in the province, while it is now sitting at the middle or above the middle of divisions.

"Credit goes to our students, credit goes to our staff, credit goes to our parents," he told trustees. "We pushed hard and everybody responded."

Board chair Heather Starosielski added that the board had listed achievement and establishing quality relationships as its two main goals, adding of the achievement piece, "It is working. It's phenomenal."

Division school results

Of the 400 ranked schools in the provinces, St. Paul Regional High School came in at 26, improving 32 places, and was the highest ranked out of all northern Alberta schools outside of Edmonton. Out of 199 written exams, the diploma mark average was 72.8 per cent.

Like Brodziak, Tichkowsky attributed the results to joint efforts.

"Our results would be based on, number one, teachers going above and beyond, number two, students striving for excellence, and number three, parent support," he said. "We've had a strong group of students over the past few years and we're hoping this continues in the same direction for the next few years here."

F. G. Miller also improved, ranking at 55, an improvement of 27 places. The average diploma score for F. G. Miller was 69.9 per cent, out of 84 exams written.

Mallaig School had the biggest improvement of local schools from 2014 to 2015, with a 13 per cent increase, moving up 193 places to rank at 105. Out of 51 exams written, the average diploma score was 67.3 per cent.

Principal Tom Whitfield cautioned over how much stock to put into the data, saying it was one measure and that educators "take it with a pinch of salt."

"Things fluctuate over time," he noted. However, he added, "We're blessed with great staff and students, and the support of our community. If that data is showing rapid growth, I think that belongs to all of us out here."

Other schools did see drops in improvement, including New Myrnam School which dropped 253 places, to 382nd rank; however, only 18 exams were written, for an average of 50.2 per cent.

Brodziak noted that while it was important to look at trends over a number of years, this is particularly true of small schools like New Myrnam, where the numbers are more prone to fluctuation because of a small sample size.

Ashmont Secondary School's rank dropped 10 places to 389th. Out of 51 exams written, the diploma average was 46.3 per cent.

Other school rankings

Ecole du Sommet, which is part of the East Central Francophone Education Region No. 3 division, dropped 111 places to 307th rank. However, again, the sample size was small; with 12 exams written, the average diploma score was 59.1 per cent.

Glendon School, which is in the Northern Lights School Division, dropped 188 places in rank to 373. Out of 46 exams written, the average diploma mark was 51.6 per cent.

Infrastructure upkeep

St. Paul Education Regional Division will be receiving $672,000 in provincial funding from the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal grant for school building upkeep, said Secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne, which will help fund building improvements like flooring, roofs, mechanical work, painting and more. Major costs include $200,000 in repairs to F. G. Miller's roof and $115,000 for a fire alarm replacement for Mallaig.

"Estimating might be a little trickier this year because of the economy," he said to the board, adding a downturn in the economy may actually be to the school board's benefit, because it may get more bids for projects.

A motion to approve the IMR projects was approved.

The school board also approved spending $700,000 on other projects. Of that $700,000, $500,000 is to come from reserves to be spent on facilities, including flooring, security system upgrades, exterior lighting, purchasing an emergency generator, some equipment and finishing the St. Paul Elementary parking lot, among other items.

PD for librarians

A request to send two librarians for professional development at a cost of about $1,800 each was closely debated, before the board finally agreed to support the request to the tune of $1,000 total.

The County of St. Paul was asking for support to send two librarians from the community libraries at Ashmont and Mallaig to the two-day PD session in Jasper, which would cost almost $3,600. The community libraries are housed in Ashmont and Mallaig Schools, and operate as school libraries during the daytime hours, but are also open to the general community during evening hours.

When asked for his opinion on the matter, Brodziak noted that teachers get between $500 and $700 in PD through the year.

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CAPC reviews 1994 terms of reference

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Community Advisory Policing Committee started off the new year with the election of their 2016 executive and a review of the organization's purpose, goal, objective, strategy and terms of reference.

That document was formulated when the committee was first organized in 1994, and has not been changed since that time, with the current membership agreeing it was in need of an update.

The purpose, to reduce crime, the goal, to communicate concerns of the community to the RCMP and to assist them in an effective policing strategy that would facilitate responsible citizenship and a healthier community, will remain unchanged, as does the objective: to communicate.

The very first strategy on the list was to "actively encourage community participation through the membership of the committee and through bi-annual open forums," with those forums having fallen by the way in recent years, a situation that the members plan to remedy.

The committee meets five times a year, in, January, March, May, September and November, rather than the "minimum six times per calendar year" listed in the terms of reference, which also states that no less than two of those meetings would be open forums where residents of Elk Point and area would have the opportunity to address the committee as a whole.

Other strategies, including ensuring that community concerns are addressed, promoting awareness, acting as a community interest group in regard to police manning levels and encouraging community-initiated home and business crime prevention programs have been largely been followed through the 18 years of the group's existence. Some of the interest groups listed in the terms of reference no longer send representatives to the meetings, resulting in a smaller committee than the original. Nor has the goal of limiting executive members to two consecutive one-year terms on the executive been maintained, with some members holding the same position for numerous years.

One long-standing executive member, secretary-treasurer Margaret Modin, is back on the executive for yet another year, along with Dwight Dach, who moved up from vice-chairman to chairman, with Sherry Bower Gagne elected as the new vice-chair for the coming year.

A remedy to the lack of open forums was proposed by RCMP Sgt. Barry LaRocque, who suggested moving the CAPC's March 9 meeting from noon to 7 p.m. and open it to the public, who would be welcome to give their input on Elk Point's policing objectives for the coming year. The open forum could also be a good opportunity to increase interest in the reestablishment of the COPS program and to promote the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch, members agreed.

Rural Crime Watch has set Thursday, Feb. 18 for their annual meeting, which will be held in the basement of the County of St. Paul office in St. Paul at 7 p.m., RCW president Orest Sereda said, as member groups gave their updates.

F. G. Miller High School students Megan Phillips and Kira Brunner outlined their upcoming Random Acts of Kindness Week, Feb. 21 to 27, and Pink Day against bullying, with those events also coinciding with their Teens for Jeans and Can Hunger drives. Basketball season is underway, with the senior girls winning their most recent tournament. The students were also happy to report that a grant has been approved for their P.A.R.T.Y. Program, aimed at arming students against making destructive decisions, which will take place on May 6.

The continued decline in oil prices "turns normal people into desperate people," oil patch representative Brant Evans told the group, noting a recent rash of break-ins in St, Paul. Vandalism at Canadian Natural well sites has reportedly decreased in the past two months, however. The outlook for 2016 is slow, he noted, but "with what it costs to get it out of the ground here," there may be some improvement in activity. Wages are coming down, and "there's a big gap between rates and wages. It's a tough year."

Keeping up with snow removal and intersection sanding was key for both the town and county council representatives, with Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich also noting that the town would soon have a new and improved website.

Ashley McQueen reported that Victim Services Elk Point dealt with 182 files in 2015, up from 137 in 2014 and 93 in 2013, and "this year we have eight already." Assault and family violence make up the largest number of files, with thefts and break-and-enters also increasing due to the economy. "I like to get out in the community and engage people," she noted. "I'm not as involved as I want to be, because of being so busy." She announced intention to host future sessions on family violence and identity theft, and is "always recruiting for advocates."

Margaret Modin said the major problem for seniors is the lack of people to shovel snow.

Sgt. LaRocque gave a rundown on Criminal Code statistics, saying that 2015's 1,325 files were down from 2014 but up from 902 in 2011. The detachment dealt with a massive total of 5,530 files overall, with 620 of them unfounded and 1,604 of them cleared with charges. "It's not crazy, but it is busy." Of the total, 1,452 occurrences were from Elk Point, with 509 resulting in charges, 271 of them Criminal Code offences, going down from 360 in 2014. Another 963 were from the county, with 205 ending in charges. "A lot of our work comes from other areas," he noted. Family violence and assaults topped the crime statistics for the period.

OBITUARY

MOHYLUK, Robert

On January 8, 2016, Mr. Robert Mohyluk of Derwent passed away suddenly at the age of 80 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Delores; 2 daughters, Marrieanne Pierson & Adeline Mohyluk (Darrell Hick); granddaughter, Megan Pierson; sister-in-law, Joan Mohyluk; also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, William & Sophie Mohyluk; 3 brothers, Walter, Peter & John Mohyluk; & sister, Anne (George) Bodnar. Divine Liturgy & Funeral Service was held on Friday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Church, Derwent. Reverend Father Mark Sych was the celebrant, with interment in the church cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation or Canadian Diabetes Association c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com

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Crusaders' boys come close in GA tournament final

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It was a jam-packed weekend of basketball for 14 junior high teams that attended Glen Avon's annual Panthers tournament, with the Panthers winning at home on the girls side, and with the Ashmont Falcons winning the boys side finals.

The tournament drew six girls teams and eight boys teams to the gyms at St. Paul Regional High School and Glen Avon School over Friday and Saturday. By Saturday evening, Racette and F. G. Miller's girls teams would head to the third place game, with the Raiders winning by a score of 29 – 23.

Following that game, the girls teams for the Falcons and Panthers battled for first, with the host team coming out on top, 45-31.

"We have worked really hard since our season has started; my girls have truly shown how committed they are," said Robyn Randall, who coaches both boys and girls' basketball teams. She said the girls had a tough loss on Thursday but came back and rallied for the tournament, starting to play as a team and not as individuals. "I was so proud at how they bounced back and had a strong weekend. We already had to overcome some injuries but that didn't seem to slow us down, it actually motivated the rest of the team to step up."

This was the second tournament win for the girls' team, she added, after they won a tournament the weekend before in Whitecourt.

On the boys' side, the Racette Raiders and the Glen Avon Panthers would take to the courts for third place, with the Raiders winning by a score of 47 – 23.

Like the girl Falcons, the Ashmont boys would also head to the finals, taking on F. G. Miller at Regional. Both teams put it all on the court in a fast-paced matchup, but in the end, the Falcons would triumph by a score of 45-35.

Falcons coach Tim Yakiwchuk said the Falcons played the Crusaders earlier in the basketball season and lost by 20 points, with this matchup seeing a reversal of fortunes.

"I told them if we played smarter . . . we can definitely compete with them," he said, adding that the boys were "excited" to come out with the win.

"They've definitely improved, with more practice and more game experience."

F. G. MILLER CRUSADER Tyler Roth battles one of the Ashmont Falcons for the ball as the teams competed in the boys' final at Glen Avon Panthers's annual Junior High basketball tournament.

Jordan Pelech photo

BREAKFAST TIME! A family of Pine Grosbeaks were among the many birds that enjoyed breakfast at the Pelech home east of Elk Point one morning just before Christmas.

Evergreen deficit frustrates councils

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Evergreen Regional Waste Management has passed an interim operating budget, and the news does not look good for member municipalities, as Coun. Ken Kwiatkowski reported to Town of St. Paul council at its Jan. 11 meeting that the commission is facing a $249,088 operating deficit. The deficit, as of a Thursday Evergreen commission meeting, was upgraded to be in excess of $300,000.

"Are they going to be sending out requisitions for the deficit, and when?" asked Coun. Norm Noel, referring to the commission members need to cover the deficit.

"I'm sure they will be and when, I'm not sure," said Kwiatkowski.

He noted that Evergreen is in negotiations with Beaver River Waste Management to bring its waste to Evergreen's landfill. Beaver River's commission includes Bonnyville and Cold Lake, and the rates it would pay per tonne would decrease with the more waste it brings, explained Kwiatkowski, to a low of $48.50 per tonne if the commission hauls in more than 20,000 tonnes.

Mayor Glenn Andersen expressed his discontent with the plan, noting that St. Paul faces higher costs per tonne as a member municipality.

After factoring in the requisition, he said, "We're probably going to be up to $150 a tonne, and have the dubious honour of being a member and we're responsible for everything . . . This is such a good system, I like it."

County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham, who is the board chair for the Evergreen commission, acknowledged that member municipalities would not be welcoming the news of the deficit.

"It's going to be big. There's going to be requisitions that go out – people aren't going to be happy," he said.

However, the commission deals in one variable – tonnage. The commission incurs set costs that don't vary, whether the landfill gets 50 tons, or 50,000 tonnes, he said. "You're stuck bearing those set costs. That's what exacerbates the situation."

This year, the board for Evergreen realized there would be a revenue issue due to a few factors, including the downturn in the economy and the opening of a new waste management facility that removed some tonnage that was being delivered to the landfill, according to County of St. Paul CAO Sheila Kitz, who stated, "The Board consciously continued to operate without changing tippage fees, making the decision to deal with potential losses through requisition."

She said the commission is working on a business plan, but can't comment on the plan's progress right now.

Three years ago, Beaver River stopped hauling its waste to the Lafond-area landfill, believing it could get a better deal by hauling to the landfill in Ryley.

"At the end of the day, were they getting a better deal? It would be up for a debate, with the cost of the trucking," said Upham.

He noted that Evergreen was trying to find rates that would attract Beaver River to bring its waste back to the Lafond-area landfill, while also lowering Evergreen's costs.

"We don't have too many options, we need tonnage. We're going to try to find a rate that works for everybody," he said, adding there may be more to announce about the Beaver River negotiations by the end of the month.

Christmas bird count sees increase in Snow Buntings and Wax-wings

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St. Paul CBC Coordinator

The bird population in our Christmas Bird Count area seems to be fairly constant as the increase of almost 1,400 birds can be attributed mostly to the Snow Buntings and Wax-wings, whose numbers vary greatly from year to year based simply on the fact that some years they may not be observed during the count period.

Eight species were added to our count list this year, which were not reported last year. Whereas, seven species counted last year were not included in this year's count. Most of these differences are in the category that could be called incidental, meaning that particular bird is here out of season.

2015 is the first time that Red Crossbills have been counted in this CBC. While Red Crossbills are considered common in Northern Alberta, they tend to stay in the coniferous forests of northern and western Alberta. It will be interesting to see if they establish themselves here on an on-going basis, very much like the Ravens who began to appear in our area in the early 1990s.

Prior to that time, birders from the area had to travel to Cold Lake or Lac La Biche to observe Ravens. Every year there are reports of them extending their southerly range.

I want to believe that two seasons of extensive fires in the coniferous forests are forcing the birds to move southward and to the east.

The report of the American Bittern is also a first, and its presence in our district in mid-December must be attributed to the prolonged mild relatively snow free-fall.

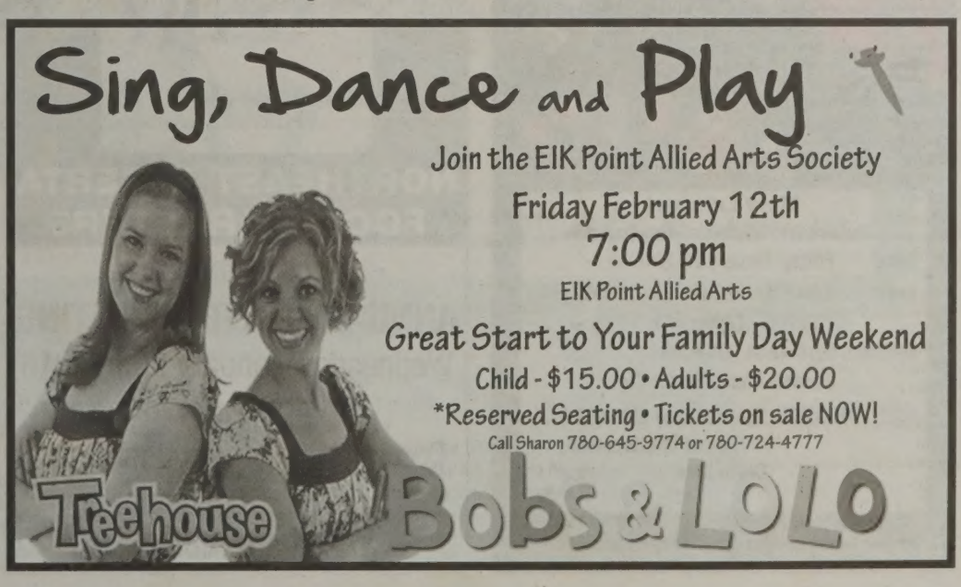
The numbers of geese and ducks still here this year can also be attributed to the same weather conditions.

Approximately 60 observers from the town and county took part in this year's count giving us a good snapshot of the bird population in this part of Alberta.

Any birders having unusual sightings at any time of the year are encouraged to report these on social media or by e-mail to hawkowl4@telus.net (note that is 4 not 14).

2015 St. Paul Town and Country Christmas Bird Count results:

	2015	2014
English House Sparrow	235	294
Black Capped Chickadee	144	115
Purple Finch	22	7
Goldfinch	4	0
Pine Siskin	86	36
Common Redpoll	105	129
Hoary Redpoll	54	60
Snow Bunting	925	575
Red Breasted Nuthatch	10	20
White Breasted Nuthatch	16	60
Pine Grosbeak	236	230
Evening Grosbeak	79	22
White-winged Crossbill	10	8
Red Crossbill	30	0
American Robin	2	1
Blue jay	73	6 0
Gray jay	2	2
Bohemian Wax-wings	1500	465
Cedar Was-wings	210	105
Rusty Blackbird	2	0
Starling	20	123
Rock Dove (Pigeon)	50	111
Mourning Dove	3	0
Collared Dove - Eurasian	2	3
Merlin (Pigeon-Hawk)	2	0
Ruffed Grouse	9	5
Hairy Woodpecker	26	23
Downy Woodpecker	26	22
Pileated Woodpecker	2	1
Northern Shrike	2	8
Black-billed Magpie	91	115
Raven	66	101
American Bittern	1	0
Northern Saweth Owl	4	11
Greater Gray Owl	1	1
Horned Owl	2	1
Snowy Owl	3	1
Bald Eagle	2	0
Canada Goose	73	0
Mallard Ducks	32	
Total species counted -	**40**	**39**
Total birds counted -	**4,164**	**2,747**



No Blue Monday with Provincial round robins in sight!

Blue Monday! That's what they called it yesterday. The third Monday of January is called Blue Monday because it's when you get all your Christmas bills, its usually cold and dreary and it's supposed to be the most depressing day of the year. As for myself, this has to be one of the best times of the year. Every year about the third week of January, the minor hockey provincial round robins start, the Atom and Peewee teams start first because there's more of them and such was the case this past weekend... but more on that latter.... right now let's get ready to rumble, tumble and we all fall down!

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BASSETT
Review Sports

The **Micro Novice Avalanche** hosted their home tournament this past weekend and what a crowd these little guys bring out and that means money in our till. We call them micro novice; some places call them flyweights, mighty mites or it rookies. When I was a kid they were called squirts, but with all the excitement they bring to the rink you should call them the Rock Stars! All kinds of parents, grandparents and great-grandparents came here to see their precious little ones. Their siblings were running around all over the place and that's what makes it a great event. The hockey is fun but the best part for these little guys is the ice cream sundaes and hot dogs after the game. The first game for our little guys was against St. Paul. Riley 'Coyote' Bourne with a hat trick, Braylee 'Billy Bob' Lesyk with two goals and an assist, Trace Morgan and Miles Koren adding assists. Brendan Kadutski was awesome in net coming up with huge saves, Thomas Melnyk, Denys Kuba and Remington 'Steel' Reynolds all out there fore checking like mad. In their second game 'Billy Bob' with another hat trick, 'Wyatt Earp' Fontaine shooting them down with two goals. Jaxon Smith, Boe Johnson, Jaxon Marcoux, David Cardinal and 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas out there battling hard for the puck. Hats off to the team coaching staff, head coach Jeff Morgan, his assistants, Tyson Ballas, Shane Fontaine, Willy Leys, Jonny Kadutski and team manager Tara Cameron and to all the parents for a job well done! And especially to the Rock Stars for making this day special!

ELK POINT MICRO NOVICE AVALANCHE wowed the crowd with a great tournamennt on Saturday.

Now back to the provincials...

The **Peewee Avalanche** wasted no time and even though it was 37 below they still traveled to Saddle Lake Sunday morning for a 9:30 a.m. start for their first game of provincial round robins, making short order of this one, winning 12 to 2 and taking the two-game, total-point series in one game. Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow coming out the chute first getting on the board and going top shelf to get the sluggish Avalanche going. After that everyone was awake, three goals for 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage, four goals for Charlie 'Angel' Rogal, a hat trick and a vapor trail for Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion, setting him up with a couple of assists and winning the draws was center man 'King Cole' Bendixen. Getting the green light, defense woman Jadey 'the Lady' Capjack was on attack a couple of times on breakaways; she's on the score sheet with an assist. Her defensive partner Evan 'Batman' Ockerman with two assists, Coby 'the Cobra' Warawa played his heart out, never saw any credit on the game sheet but was noticed all the same by the opposition. On Saturday the peewee team had a big 10-4 win over Vermilion.

The Great Gretzky always had one corner of his sweater tucked in. Some guys sit in the same spot and eat the same food before the game. I even have a few quirks myself on the ball team, especially when we play provincials. It's called superstition. One old superstition is that you never mention the word shut out or even think it if the goalie is having a shutout late in the game. Someone must have slipped up and whispered it; because 'Kid Kade' Fontaine was fantastic in net, played one of his best games ever, and with the clock ticking down the **Atom No. 2 Avalanche** had a 4 to 0 lead, St. Paul came on hard, took a shot, got the rebound and scored with only one second left on the clock. Maybe his teammates did fail to clear the puck out to the corner, it was a tough one to take for a goalie, but they won the game, and at the end of the day, that is what its all about, win as a team, lose as a team. And the way this ' Kid' can play between the posts, there will always be another day. A total team effort in this one, proved by the fact we have four different goals scorers, Cash 'CC 'Capjack, Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand, and 'Mic Jager' Fontaine. The wingers doing a fine job of working the boards and corners, especially Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron who played a great game even if he's not on the score sheet, his counterpart Nathaniel Cousins on the sheet with an assist. The unsung heroes, the defensemen held them to minimal shots; they played their positions perfectly and took some solid shots from the point. 'St. Nic' Penner, Josef 'Red' Theriault and Cee Jay Quinney picking up assists.

Too sick to play on Saturday, **Atom No. 1** goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk was recovering from the flu on Sunday when he was peppered with 55 pucks by the visiting Marwayne Ice Dogs, the Avalanche losing 7 to 2. 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras was the lone goal scorer, the first one assisted by Phoenix Quinney. Some terrific forechecking by Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa who also tried to escape on a couple of opportunities but was shut down by their big defensemen. The Avalanche will be meeting Marwayne in the first round of provincials sometime in the very near future.

Last week I was bragging about my math skills and how three times 20 equals 60, but I may have to go back to school and learn how to add! The **Novice** team lost a close one 6 to 5 to Glendon but only four goals were reported in my sports report, so I apologize to Brenden 'Blue Line' Haesch-Baker who scored one and never got credit for it, 'Blue Line' by the way, is one of the smoothest skaters I have seen at this level, he hardly looks like he's working at all as he glides along at great speed..

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Elk Point & Area Victim Services Society

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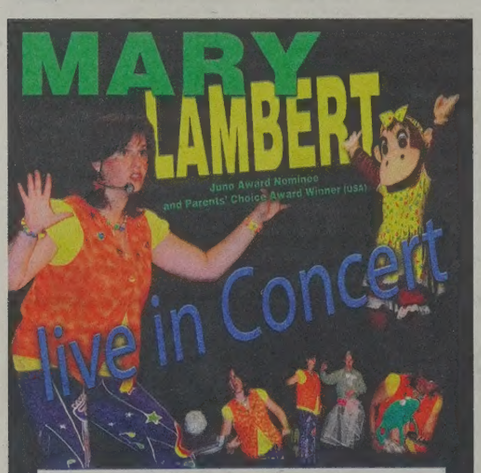

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STORM NETMINDER Heaven Colbourne keeps the opposition at bay.
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Minor hockey

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The novice team was scheduled to go up to Lac La Biche but due to the minus 37 weather Sunday morning the game was called off the night before

She just a girl and she's on fire! When the **Peewee Girls Storm** came out on Sunday at home they were all fired up against the Lloydminster Blazers and it was a real barn burner to say the least, right to the final buzzer. The day before the girls had lost a tough one in Cold Lake, they played well but were stoned by a little goalie who did the same to them the week before so they came to play and it was fire on fire. The Blazers were on the board first, but it wasn't long after before little Laramie 'Louis' Parr scored the first of her two goals soon after to tie the game, the first one assisted by the Paula 'Hollywood' Hladunewich, the second one all on her own, tying the game again, this time at two. Starting the third period the girls were down 3 to 2 until Rae J Pruden scored the tying goal on a one timer with only two and a half minutes left in the game. She got a really sweet feed from Jenna 'Precious ' Poitras from out of the corner and some hard grinding along the boards by Ashley 'Hacksaw' Hunter, who did the dirty work and created the turnover. Goalie Heaven 'Brick House" Colbourne was mighty good in this one, she never gave up one inch any time the girls were caught with their pants down and shut the door late in the game when the Blazers came with their top guns a firing. Storm Trooper of the game, Jelena 'Prime Time' Parr was battling hard on the defense keeping the porch clear for 'Brick House'. On Saturday in Cold Lake 'Hollywood ' was the Storm Trooper of the game, scoring the only goal of the game for the Storm, this one assisted by some terrific hustle after the puck by 'Louis' after she came out of the players' box and won a foot race she chased down the puck and took a shot, ' Hollywood' scored the goal on the rebound.

The **Midget** boys traveled to Provost Friday night losing a close one 4 to 3. 'Tricky Nick' Tucker, 'Awesome Alex' Hunter and 'Dead Eye' Dylan Odgaard scoring for the Avalanche, his little big brother 'the Big O' getting a helper. Provost will be hosting the provincial finals, the Avalanche playing Smoky Lake sometime in the near future for the chance to go to the big show!

Another one bites the dust! The **Bantam Avalanche** continue to win, defeating Boyle Saturday night here at home 13 to 0. Another shut out for goalie Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion, Nick 'Sparky' Anderson with five goals, Dylan 'the Destroyer' Ference with a hat trick, two goals each for Wolke 'Wolfman' Cueva and Bradley 'Diesel' Canning, who is healthy and back in the lineup, and a single for Chase Dorey. 'Silent Sam' Henderson with two assist, ' Hank the Tank' Rogal adding an assist.

Happy birthday going out today to the little gymnastic super star Janyka Dawn Evans-Anderson. I love that name!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "I've always believed that you can think positive just as well as you can think negative." Last weeks answer to ' Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them; a desire, a dream, a vision.' - Muhammad Ali

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Comets blaze by Elks

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Marwayne Comets blazed to a 3-0 lead in the first three minutes of Friday's game against the hometown Elk Point Elks, setting a hectic pace that kept both teams on their toes throughout the entire game.

That was more than enough for Elks goalie Paul Boulianne, who slammed and locked the door after that bombardment, and kept it shut tight for a full 46 minutes as his teammates kept the Marwayne goalie equally busy with a barrage of shots. Matthew Boulianne finally cracked the visitors' armor, putting the Elks on the scoreboard with 5:35 left in the second period, assisted by Jordyn Wozniak and John Schmitt.

A scuffle just before the middle of the final frame sent Schmitt to the sin bin with 16 minutes of penalties while his foe received a two-minute restraint for roughing. Marwayne took advantage of the situation to add two more points to their score, while an Elks goal was disallowed, to the disgust of fans, coaching staff and players alike. They were, however, successful in cutting the visitors' lead back to three just over a minute later, with Scott Ward hitting the mark for a 5-2 final score.

Results are now in from the Elks' Jan. 9 visit to Dewberry, where the Elks answered a right-off-the-faceoff goal by the Mustangs with two of their own, one by team captain Devin Moneta and one by Jordan Krankowsky, both assisted by Myles Whitford and Lee Letestu.

Dewberry was back in the lead with three goals late in the first, and traded goals with the Elks in the second, as Moneta scored one and assisted the other, scored by Whitford, other assists coming from Wozniak and Letestu.

The Mustangs would score two more in the third period, punctuated by a pair by the Elks, Sean Joly assisted by Matthew Boulianne and Whitford assisted by Moneta and Wozniak, for a final score of 7-6 in Dewberry's favor.

School board

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He pointed out the County of St. Paul was a big supporter of the school board, but the higher cost of this PD had to be considered.

"We also have to work within our means," he said, suggesting splitting costs on the Mallaig librarian to attend, as she works for the school during the day, and for the community library at the evening.

However, trustees heard from principal representative Tom Whitfield that students are big users of the Mallaig community library in the evening, which assistant superintendent Dalane Imeson said was true of Ashmont as well.

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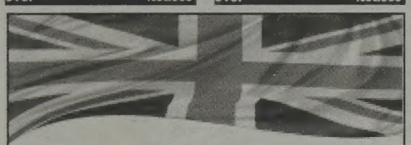

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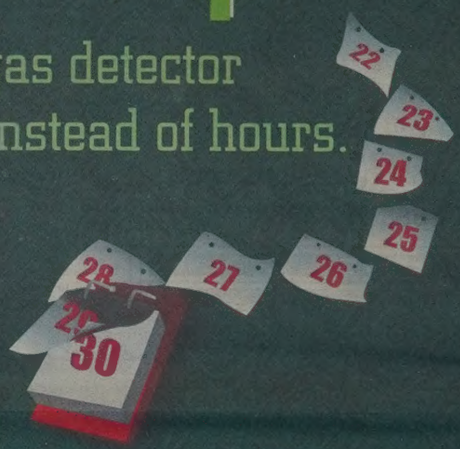

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